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## **Federal Grand Jury Charges Litchfield Man with Producing and Possessing Child Pornography**

Springfield, IL - The United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, Rodger A. Heaton, announced that the federal grand jury returned an indictment today charging Paul Kincaid, age 65, of Litchfield, Illinois with production and possession of child pornography. The indictment alleges Kincaid used minors to produce child pornography in September 2004 and that he possessed images of child pornography from September 2004 to September 2006. Kincaid was arrested on September 6, 2006 and charged by criminal complaint.

The affidavit filed in support of the complaint alleged that law enforcement agents with the U.S. Secret Service and the Litchfield Police Department seized hundreds of images of child pornography, including photo albums, from the home. According to the complaint affidavit, Kincaid used a Polaroid camera to take sexually explicit pictures of minors in a makeshift photo studio above a hair salon located at the rear of property at 502 East Union in Litchfield.

Following his arrest and preliminary hearings before U.S. Magistrate Judge Byron Cudmore, Kincaid was ordered held without bond pending trial. A trial date will be scheduled following Kincaid's arraignment at a date to be determined by the U.S. Clerk of the Court in Springfield, Illinois.

If convicted, the statutory penalty for production of child pornography is no less than 15 years in prison to 30 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. For possession of child pornography the penalty is up to 10 years in prison and a fine of \$250,000. Mandatory supervised release for both offenses is any term of years to life.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the U.S. Secret Service, the Litchfield Police Department, and the Springfield Computer Crimes Task Force. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John Childress in the Springfield Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Persons who believe they may have been potential victims of Kincaid's alleged criminal activity are encouraged to call law enforcement officers with the U.S. Secret Service at (217) 726-8453 or the Litchfield Police Department at (217) 324-5991.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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